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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Overseas Medical Support

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in Paragraph 6 for the approval of the Deputy Director (Support).
2. On 21 September 1956, the Director approved a recommendation adopting the benefits granted to the Department of State for all CIA personnel stationed overseas (Tab A) and forwarded the approved memorandum to the Director of Personnel for action.
3. Included in the Department of State legislation as amended (Tab B) were provisions for:
  - a. the assignment of a physician, or other medical personnel, in addition to a nurse, at overseas stations (Section 942(b)); and
  - b. "After sufficient experience in the operation of the medical protection plan authorized in subsections (a) and (b) of this section has been obtained, as determined by the Secretary, and if he considers that the benefits so authorized can be provided for as well and as cheaply in other ways, the Secretary may, under such regulations, and for such persons, locations, and conditions as he may deem appropriate, and within the limits prescribed in such subsections, contract for medical care pursuant to such arrangements, insurance, medical service, or health plans as he may deem appropriate" (Section 941(c)).
4. The General Counsel is of the opinion that the Director in approving the recommendation referred to in Tab A also granted approval for the provisions identified in the foregoing paragraphs (Sections 942(b) and 941(c)).
5. The present Agency overseas medical program is based on Section 10 of Public Law 110. Incorporating the provisions identified in Sections 942(b) and 941(c) of the Foreign Service Act as amended, in our current legal basis could result in the following:
  - a. the provision of medical services to employees and dependents on a broader and perhaps firmer basis;

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b. the possible extension of Agency medical services to overseas areas presently without direct Agency medical support.

6. It is recommended that the Chief, Medical Staff, be authorized to provide the medical services as outlined in Paragraph 5 of this memorandum. If such authorization be granted, the Chief, Medical Staff, will prepare a regulation on medical services incorporating these provisions, for Agency coordination and your final approval.

SIGNED

JOHN R. TIETJEN M.D.

JOHN R. TIETJEN, M.D.  
Chief, Medical Staff

Attachments:

Tab A - Memorandum dtd 21 Sept 1956

Tab B - P. L. 828 (w/orig only)

cc: General Counsel

CONCUR

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General Counsel

The recommendation contained in Paragraph 6 is approved.

151 L. K. White  
Deputy Director (Support)

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